

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the filing date of application 60/199,476 (15966-778) which was listed as filed on April 26, 2000 by typographical error. Applicants submit that the above amendments add no new matter.

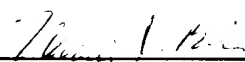
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

Applicants believe that no fee is due with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-062 (Cura-362).

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remark, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Specification:

Page 1 has been amended as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to USSNs 60/198,293(15966-776), filed April 19, 2000; 60/198,645 (15966-777), filed April 20, 2000; 60/210,809 (15966-778A), filed June 9, 2000; 60/199,476 (15966-778), filed [April 26, 2000] April 25, 2000; 60/200,025 (15966-779), filed April 26, 2000; 60/224,610 (15966-780A), filed August 11, 2000; 60/200,024 (15966-780), filed April 26, 2000; 60/199,880 (15966-781) filed April 26, 2000; 60/218,591(21402-059), filed July 17, 2000; 60/271,814 (21402-059A), filed February 27, 2001; 60/215,855, filed July 3, 2000 (21402-048); and 09/839,446, filed April 19, 2001 (15966-776 Utility). The contents of these applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety.